



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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December 3, 2012

By Electronic Mail

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Re: Diamond Alkali, Lower Passaic River Study Area – River Mile 10.9  
Unilateral Administrative Order for Removal Response Activities  
USEPA Region 2 CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2020

Dear Ms. Dinkins:

Since the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has not yet met with Occidental Chemical Corporation ("Occidental") to determine how Occidental will participate and cooperate in the removal action at River Mile 10.9, EPA is hereby extending the date by which Occidental is required to submit financial assurance under Paragraph 56 of Unilateral Administrative Order ("UAO") CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2020 to March 15, 2013.

EPA would like to meet with Occidental in early January 2013 to discuss this matter. We will contact you shortly with dates.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sarah P. Flanagan", is written over a horizontal line.

Sarah P. Flanagan  
Assistant Regional Counsel

cc: R. Basso, ERRD  
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